GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED FOREST PROTECTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms for providing grants to various States under the Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS);

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to allocate grants on the basis of the proportion of forest land in a State under the IFPS;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by when this norm is likely to be adopted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 196 due for reply on 28.11.2007 regarding Integrated Forest Protection Scheme.

(a) Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS) was initiated during Xth plan. This scheme provides financial assistance to State/UT Governments on sharing basis for protection of existing forests. The financial assistance is made available for forest fire control & management, strengthening of infrastructure, preparation of working plans and other protection related measures.

The allocation of funds to States/UTs is determined by various factors; such as, availability of funds, demand projected by States, past performance in terms of utilization of funds, etc.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.